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New township officials take oaths

Don Howard
Staff Writer

New Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise received thunderous applause from a standing-room-only audience during his official swearing in last week.

Heise spoke to the assembled crowd of residents, police officers, fire fighters and township officials last Tuesday as he and the other members of the board of trustees officially swore to perform their elected duties.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley administered the oath of office to six of the seven board members, five of whom are first-time office holders.

Heise who was elected as a write-in candidate, addressed the assembly with an emotional testimonial calling for "healing, tolerance and co-operation," prompting a standing ovation from the crowd.

"In the last two years I could not have survived without the steadfast support of my family. We have suffered the most negative, expensive campaign in the history of this township. This is a time for healing and healing takes time," he said.

Heise praised the team of professionals who now comprise the board of trustees which consists of four lawyers, two who have earned Master of Business Administration degrees and a management executive.

"You sent us here to find solutions and that is exactly what we'll do," he said.

New Township Treasurer Mark Clinton, who replaced long-time office holder Ron Edwards, thanked fellow board members and "everyone in this room," and praised the many police and fire firefighters in attendance.

New Clerk Jerry Vorva introduced newly-appointed Deputy Clerk Sandy Groth who was credited as one of the residents who fostered the grassroots political revolution two years

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New Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise swears his oath of office administered by Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley before a standing-room only crowd last week. Photo by Don Howard

Singing the blues

Plymouth native signs record deal

Photo by Katy Meininger

That heartbreak in Matt Sauter's songs is the real thing.

In fact, it was a broken heart that motivated the 24-year-old Plymouth resident to pick up a guitar a few years ago and begin to write about the angst he was experiencing when his first love left his life.

Now, Sauter has a deal for an album and an early press of four of his songs will be released by Original 1265 Recordings early next year.

Sauter said he is still somewhat surprised by his success as he has been making music for as long as he can remember.

"I wanted to do whatever my big brother Dan was doing and he played the guitar and sang. I played the drums for him with some of the bands he was involved in and then started playing in other bands."

That led Sauter to his hip hop days during his time at Canton High School and after graduation.

"That was what I did for years. I really enjoyed hip hop, but then came the breakup with my girlfriend. That was when I picked up the guitar and really started writing songs about how I felt."

Heartbroken and adrift, he decided to audition for the prestigious Detroit Institution of Music Education in Detroit (DIME), but rather than his familiar hip hop music, he decided to take a gamble on his new songs.

"I actually auditioned for them playing the guitar, even though by then I only had a couple of songs," he said. He began to write songs in earnest while at the music school, where he is pursuing a three-year degree in song writing. He had only been a student there for about a year and a half when he was picked up by the record label.

His current music is a modern day folk-blues mix with some old-style country.

"I'd say I'm sort of a modern-day Johnny Cash and do kind of Willie Nelson type songs."

He has been playing con-

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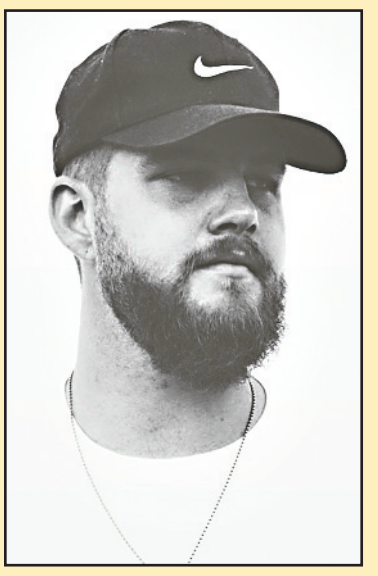


Matt Sauter

Westland begins Shop & Dine campaign

> *We are proud of Westland Shopping Center and the entire Shop and Dine District.*
>
> **Mayor William Wild**

The holidays have officially come to Westland with the start of the annual Shop and Dine Holiday Campaign.

The 7th annual campaign is a six-week multifaceted marketing effort which promotes the premier shopping district in the city. "Everything you want. Everything you need," is the slogan which will be promoted with TV and radio commercials this week.

The Westland Shop and Dine district is anchored by the Westland Shopping Center and is surrounded by more than 160 shops, restaurants and services making it the premier shopping and dining destination in Wayne County, officials said.

Radio ads will be hitting the metro area air waves, and the city will also utilize billboards on major freeways to promote the campaign, along with a encompasses a large digital and social presence.

New this year, Westland encouraged local businesses to offer special deals on Small Business Saturday. As an added incentive to participate, the city advertised these sales on an interactive map at www.cityofwestland.com/smallbizsat. There, shoppers could view a comprehensive list of all the sales around Westland in one convenient location.

"Small businesses are a crucial part of the success of our fantastic shop and dine district" Mayor William Wild remarked, "so when you visit Westland this holiday season, tell them the City of Westland sent you!"

The third piece of the shop and dine campaign is the $1,000 in 1,000 seconds shopping spree contest. The contest went live on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26 and will continue until Tuesday, Dec. 13. Interested contestants should visit www.cityofwestland.com to enter to win. Three finalists will be chosen from the pool of entrants and they will meet at 11 a.m. at Westland Shopping Center on Saturday, Dec. 17 to see who the lucky winner will be. At that time, one more contestant will be picked from the crowd and the four finalists will take turns opening gifts to find out which one holds the grand prize of the $1,000 shopping spree. The winner will then have 1,000 seconds to spend $1,000 at one of the Westland Shopping Center four anchors: Macy's, JCPenney, Kohls or Sears.

"We are proud of Westland Shopping Center and the entire Shop and Dine District," commented Wild. "Our city has so much to offer...our dining industry is growing, we have restaurants featuring foods from around the world. The stores inside this mall that have something for everybody from our anchor stores to our smaller boutiques. Our Shop and Dine District not only keeps our economy going but it is essential to our quality of life."

Wayne - Westland

Westland police add, promote officers

Ryan Damico

Curtis Johns

Jacob Broda

Robert Fruit

Stephen Vidaurri

Three new officers have officially joined the Westland Police Department and two veterans of the force have been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

The officers took their oaths of office last month during ceremonies at city hall.

"Recently, sergeants Jeffery Kavanaugh and Harlan Epperson both retired from the Westland Police Department," commented Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "Both men served our community with honorable police careers. With their retirements, we welcome three new police officers and the promotion of two veteran officers to the rank of sergeant."

Ryan Damico is one of the new officers. He is a Westland resident and formerly served as a Westland Police Explorer. He graduated with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Schoolcraft College and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 2013. He also served three years with the Romulus Police Department as an officer prior to accepting the position with the Westland Police Department.

Curtis Johns is a Newport resident and attended the Detroit Police Academy and served the City of Detroit for two years. He left the Detroit Police Department to serve on the Flat Rock Police Department for 13 years. Johns has received specialized training in accident investigation and is a trained evidence technician.

Jacob Broda is a Livonia resident and has served as a Westland Service Aide for 2.5 years. Broda is the first Public Service Aide to successfully test and promote through the program into an officer position. He graduated with an associate's degree from Schoolcraft College in 2015 and from the Wayne County Regional Academy last month.

The two veteran officers to receive promotions to the rank of sergeant are Robert Fruit and Stephen Vidaurri.

Fruit started his law enforcement career with the Highland Park Police Department where he served for five years, before joining the Westland force where he has served for 16 years. Fruit has worked assignments in the Westland Police Community Police Unit, Alcohol Enforcement Bureau and the Traffic Bureau. Fruit holds certifications as a Drug Recognition Expert, is a Standardized Field Sobriety Training Instructor and is a certified Accident Re-constructionist. He has received two distinguished awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and two life-saving awards.

Vidaurri began his career in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department for 2.5 years, after which he moved to Westland where he has served for 19 years. He has a Bachelor's degree for Olivet College. Vidaurri was a 13-year member of the Westland Tactical Response Unit (SWAT), a motorcycle officer, a field training officer, a member of the Honor Guard and was assigned to the Westland Special Investigations Unit and served as a Firearms Instructor.

"I am proud to welcome these new, highly qualified individuals to Westland. Our community looks forward to their service and dedication to the residents.," commented Mayor William Wild. "I wish Sgt. Fruit and Sgt. Vidaurri the best of luck in their new positions."

Suspect arraigned in Wayne shooting death

The 27-year-old man arrested by Wayne police following a shooting Nov. 14 on John R. Street has been arraigned on multiple charges including manslaughter.

Tyler Lyndell Lankford, 24, of Westland, was arrested by Wayne police later in the day of the incident. He was arraigned in 29th District Court Nov. 18 and ordered held without bond.

He faces charges including homicide-manslaughter-statutory short form, homicide-manslaughter-death by weapon aimed with intent but without malice, weapons-firearms-possession by felon and felony firearm. He was also charged as a habitual offender-second offense. According to state records, Lankford served two years in prison on a dangerous weapons charge stemming from an October 2013 incident. He was released from prison, state records show, in September 2015.

The latest charges resulted when Wayne police were dispatched to a residence in the 35000 block of John R. in the early-morning hours of Nov. 14 where officers discovered the body of a male victim, dead from a gunshot wound.

Lankford was arrested by Wayne officers later the same day.

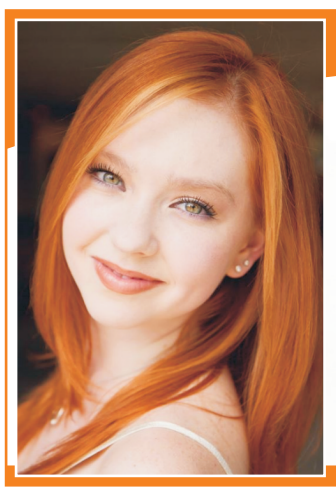
Lankford is due back in court for a preliminary court examination on the charges Dec. 6.

Wayne to light tree

The City of Wayne official Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Wayne Historical Museum. Visits with Santa will be available.

Volunteers are needed to help welcome guests and act as Santa's helpers. Volunteers will also read short holiday stories to children visiting the museum.

The Museum Store is now open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursdays.



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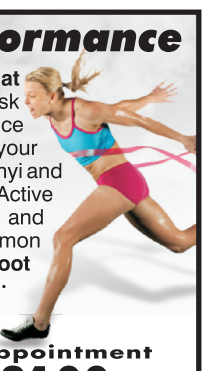

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Oaths

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ago.

"You asked for open and honest government-then you took action," Vorva said. "You have a right to expect great things from us."

Among the officials in attendance were Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and City Commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dan Dalton.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Pobur said her face hurt from smiling. Pobur, Dalton and Dwyer endorsed Heise during his campaign for supervisor.

"You say it was hard for us to do this...ha! It was the easiest thing I ever did for Heise, I mean that absolutely sincerely," Pobur said, looking at Heise. "It's true I feel that way."

"I didn't do it for political gain, I didn't do it for party, I did it because it was the right thing to do for our one community and look at the beautiful thing you voters did-you should be so incredibly proud of yourselves. We're so optimistic and we're so looking forward to working together and the BS crap going down the sewer system," Pobur said.

Singer

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certs when he can and is billed as Adventures With Vultures, a name that dates back to his hip hop days. He's played at the Underground and the Shelter in Detroit, the Loving Touch in Ferndale and the Warehouse in Marine City. Last weekend, he played at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth.

That is what he really loves, he said, entertaining in his home town.

"I am Plymouth, through and through," he said. "I wear dog tags with the 48170 zip code on them and have a tattoo with the coordinates of the Kellogg Park fountain."

His family, he said, is more than supportive of his music. His mother and stepfather, Kim and Rick Kelp, own U.P. Pasties and The General Store downtown and are involved in his career, as is his father, David Ost. His brother, Dan, 29, still plays bass and can be heard on recordings by several music superstars. Older brother, Scott, 30, is an artist and will be doing the cover of the CD, Sauter said.

He is also writing songs for other artists along with his heavy class load, he said.

"My career, it's all still in the early stages," he said, "but I am really enjoying making music and writing songs. Maybe the breakup wasn't such a bad thing."

Sauter is planning a launch party for his early press release "in Plymouth" although details are still being finalized.

Officer graduates from Staff and Command school

Sgt. Daniel Traylor

Canton Police Sgt. Daniel Traylor successfully completed Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School recently.

The Staff and Command School is a 360-hour program, designed to provide extensive training focused on the management, planning, analysis and administration of police departments and their personnel. The program is problem-based learning, fostering critical thinking and philosophies applicable in law enforcement today.

The unique experience takes the officer beyond traditional operational methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking, paving the way for their future success as a command officer, according to a prepared statement from the public safety office.

Police Staff and Command School is mandatory for all Canton command officers and is a component of the ongoing training Canton police officers participate in on a regular basis.

Traylor has been with the department for 23 years. He is currently assigned to the detective bureau, supervising the daily operations of seven detectives, four ordinance officers and the crime data analyst.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

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Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Jingle Bells-Batman Smells

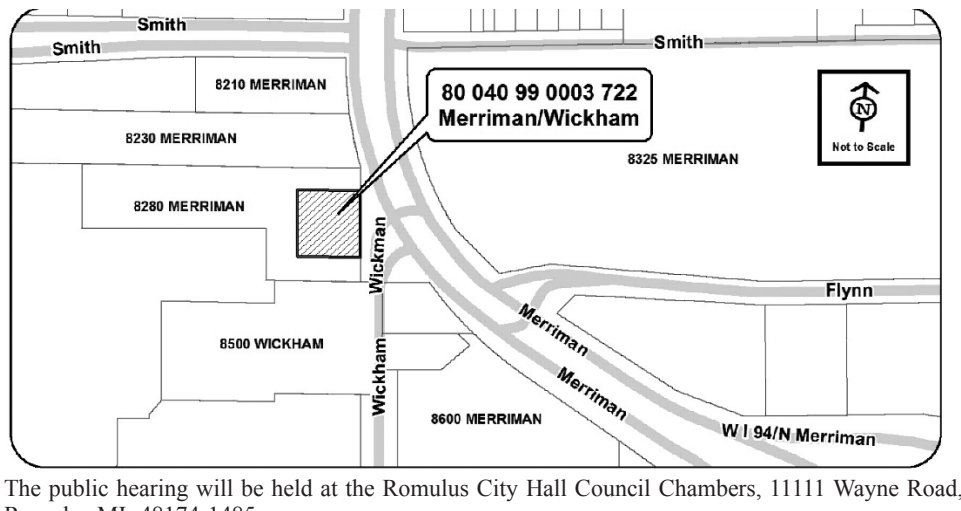
The best-selling children's book series "Junie B. Jones" has brought the production of Junie B. Jones Jingle Bells Batman Smells to the Barefoot Productions Theater. Performances are planned for 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 1 at 2 p.m. Dec. 4 and 11. Tickets are $15 and now available at www.justgobarefoot.com or (734) 404-6889. The theater is located in Plymouth at 240 N. Main St.

CITY OF ROMULUS

PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL LAND USE
Gateway Park Phase III
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016** for the purpose of considering a special land use request for SLU-2016-003, Gateway Park Phase III for an 11,360-sq. ft. retail and restaurant building including a drive-through.

The subject property is located at Merriman/Wickham. DP# 80-040-99-0003-722.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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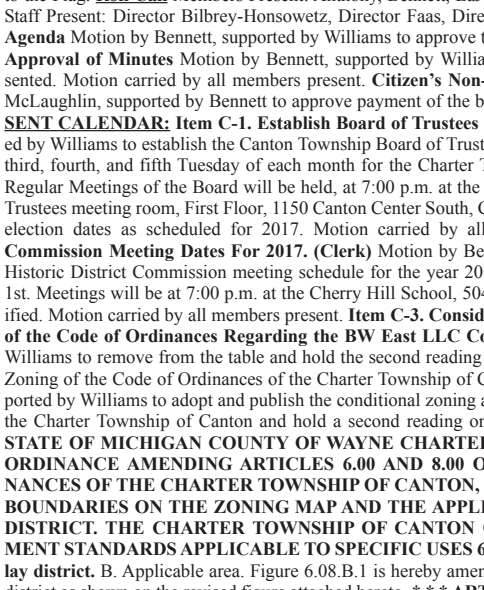
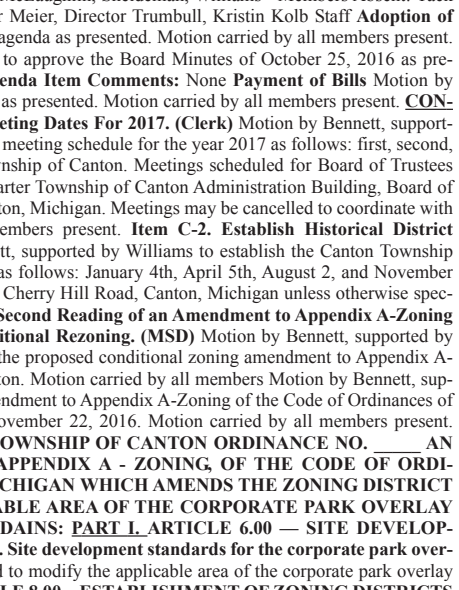
Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 22, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb Staff **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of October 25, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** None **Payment of Bills** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Establish Board of Trustees Meeting Dates For 2017. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2017 as follows: first, second, third, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of each month for the Charter Township of Canton. Meetings scheduled for Board of Trustees Regular Meetings of the Board will be held, at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan. Meetings may be cancelled to coordinate with election dates as scheduled for 2017. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Establish Historical District Commission Meeting Dates For 2017. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to establish the Canton Township Historic District Commission meeting schedule for the year 2017 as follows: January 4th, April 5th, August 2, and November 1st. Meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, Michigan unless otherwise specified. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Consider Second Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the BW East LLC Conditional Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to remove from the table and hold the second reading of the proposed conditional zoning amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to adopt and publish the conditional zoning amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton and hold a second reading on November 22, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. ____ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 6.00 AND 8.00 OF APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN WHICH AMENDS THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AND THE APPLICABLE AREA OF THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: PART I. ARTICLE 6.00 — SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES 6.08. Site development standards for the corporate park overlay district.** B. Applicable area. Figure 6.08.B.1 is hereby amended to modify the applicable area of the corporate park overlay district as shown on the revised figure attached hereto. *** * * ARTICLE 8.00 – ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAP** Pursuant to Section 27.07 of Appendix A – Zoning, the zoning map is hereby amended by changing the zoning of parcel nos. 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, and 049-99-0001-714 from LI, Light Industrial District to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District as shown on the attached zoning map, and further subject to the Voluntary Statement of Conditions attached hereto. **PART II. Severability.** Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated. **PART III. Savings Clause.** The amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance. **PART IV. Repealer.** All other Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **PART V. Publication.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause the ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **Part VI. Effective Date.** A public hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days of its adoption of publications of a notice in a newspaper circulated in Canton Township stating the date of enactment and effective date, a brief statement as to its regulatory effect and that a complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the Township Clerk during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Local Time. The provision of this Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of November, 2016, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry Bennett, Clerk Introduced: October 25, 2016 Adopted: November 22, 2016 Published: December 1, 2016 Effective: December 8, 2016 A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. A complete copy of the Canton Township Ordinances is available at www.canton-mi.org. Maps are below:





SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Honorable Judge Gerou administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees: **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER: ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Williams to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____
Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. EC120116-1408 2.5 x 10.014

Belleville - Romulus

Library board moves forward with plans

Following voters' approval of two proposals for a new district library, the project is moving forward.

Members of the library board approved the hiring of a construction manager and asked architect Dan Whisler to prepare specifications and requests for proposals from bidders at their first meeting following the Nov. 8 vote. They also confirmed the bond financial advisors for sale of the bonds to help fund the construction along with the bond attorney. Land acquisition consulting and contract review will be performed by John Day, the current attorney for the library.

Whisler told the board members that his architectural firm, Daniels and Zermack, will be starting on the final drawings for the new building and that changes could be made into the final plans.

The board confirmed its bond financial advisers for bond sales and bond investment/asset management, as well as the bond attorney. Day will do contract reviews and land acquisition consulting.

Whisler presented 15 recommendations to the board members, including environmental assessment studies of vacant or occupied parcels of land to be acquired. The library building committee members will meet and consider options and decisions to send on to the full board.

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John Juriga, a member of the board, suggested that the construction utilize as much local labor as possible. Whisler said that condition would require written guidelines from the board members as to the definition of local.

"It has to be thought through and spelled out," Whisler said.

The architect estimated that a construction manager would be in place by the end of the year and that it would be 10-12 months before ground could be broken on the new building, estimated at about $10 million. The construction will take 18-24 months, Whisler said.

Mary Jane Dawson, chairman of the marketing committee, made a motion that when the ground is broken a list of board members be invited to take part in "digging the dirt and cutting the ribbon." Juriga seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Stuff the Bus effort now under way

Romulus Community Schools and the City of Romulus have joined forces to help multiple area charities and organizations for the holidays with a "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

Donations for Stuff the Bus will be accepted from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. through Dec. 2 in the Romulus City Hall parking lot, 11111 Wayne Road. People dropping off their contributions will be greeted by a volunteer who will load their donations onto the bus.

"We hope that by accepting all organizations and donations together will bring greater awareness for all of those needs during the holiday season," said Tanya Cofield, Romulus recreation coordinator and creator of the "Stuff the Bus" initiative.

Items needed and being accepted to help Stuff the Bus include:

Romulus Goodfellows: Monetary donations.

Romulus Helping Hand: Nonperishable food items, canned goods, cured meats.

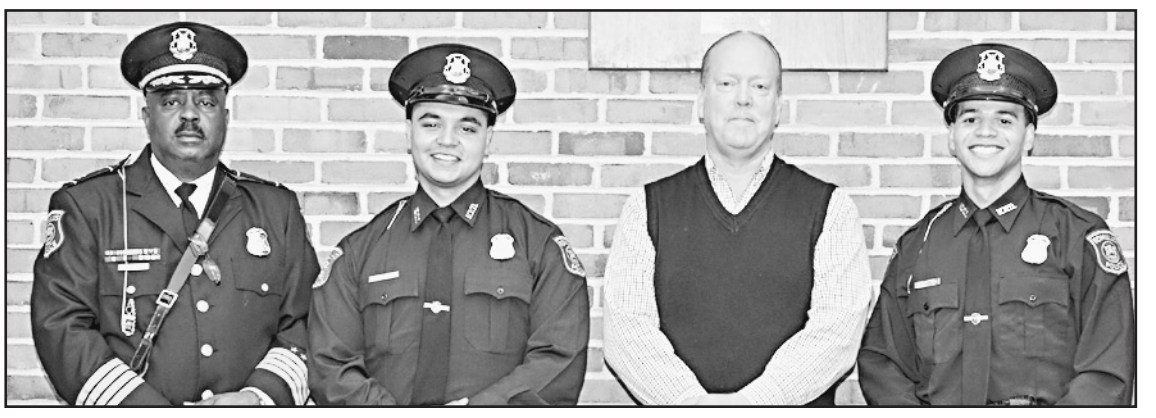
Romulus Animal Shelter: Cat litter, dry dog and cat food, old blankets/towels.

Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee: toiletries, gently used winter clothing, blankets, hats, gloves, etc.

Romulus Senior Center: Adult underwear/briefs, gently used medical equipment including walkers and shower chairs and new bandages and other medical supplies.

Romulus Students in Need: Gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, new undergarments, socks and toiletries.

Monetary donations for all groups are also accepted. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.



Show of force

Two new police officers joined the Romulus Police Department last month when they took their official oaths of office. Congratulating the new officers are Romulus Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Jadie Settles, at left, new Ofc. Christopher Reyna, Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and new Ofc. Roderick Barksdale.

Tree lighting is tomorrow

The Christmas season officially arrives tomorrow night in the City of Romulus when the city Tree Lighting ceremony takes place at Romulus Historical Park Pavilion tomorrow.

The official celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and there will be hot dogs, hot cocoa and other snacks available from concessionaires. The historical museum will also be open.

The Tree Lighting will take place at 6:30 and there will be group singing of seasonal carols during the event.

Photos with Santa will be available for $3 although the tree lighting ceremony is free and open to the public. Donation of nonperishable foodstuffs are requested for the Stuff the Bus campaign now under way to help the needy during the holidays.

Romulus Historical Park Pavilion is located at 11147 Hunt St.

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HOLIDAY help needed

With the holiday season fast approaching, the shelves at Romulus Helping Hands are all but bare.

Councilman Harry Crout pointed out recently that the community food pantry is in need of donations to help needy families throughout the city.
"If you look in to your refrigerator and see food, you're blessed," he said. "A lot of people aren't that blessed. They need help."

He asked Romulus officials and the community at large to donate to the organization, which is located at 37510 West Huron Dr. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It serves Romulus residents only who are referred there either by a social worker, teacher, minister or other authority figure and has provided that help for decades.

For more information or to donate, call (734) 941-5323.

INKSTER - NORTHVILLE

Former supervisor named to county post

Mark Abbo, of Northville, is returning to Wayne County government as fiscal director for the Wayne County Commission. His appointment was announced last week by commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, and will be effective Monday, Dec. 5.

"I am honored to once again be serving the residents of Wayne County, especially in monitoring how their hard-earned tax dollars are spent," Abbo said. "Wayne County Commissioners have always performed their due diligence regarding financial matters and I intend to keep them fully informed on all future fiscal items."

Abbo was the county's chief financial officer from November 2013 to December 2014, reporting to the county executive.

Before that, he served for 12 years as Northville Township Supervisor. He also has more than 35 years of private sector experience in numerous financial capacities.

In his new position, he will assist the 15 Wayne County Commissioners as they provide fiscal oversight of the $1.48 billion county budget and ensure that county tax dollars are spent efficiently and effectively.

"Mark is an excellent fit for the position as he not only brings a wealth of experience in all aspects of financial management and oversight, but is keenly aware of the fiscal challenges the county faces," Woronchak said.

Abbo is a certified public accountant and holds a bachelor's of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Mark Abbo

Inkster men face armed robbery charges

Two Inkster men have been charged with armed robbery and attempted murder in a robbery which took place in Detroit.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Linton Richey, 33, and Pierre Wilson, 28, both of Inkster, in connection with the robbery of a 25-year-old woman and a 23-year-old man last month. During the robbery, the man was shot by the assailants.

The robbery took place at approximately 3:30 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 20000 block of Yonka in Detroit. When Detroit officers responded, they discovered the 23-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound. His companion told the officers that the couple had just been robbed and the man shot during the incident.

Richey and Wilson were arrested by Detroit police and have been charged with two counts of armed robbery which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; one count of assault with intent to commit murder which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years; six counts of felony firearm with a maximum penalty of 2 years and carrying a firearm with unlawful intent which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years.

Wilson is also charged with fleeing and eluding a police officer which has a maximum penalty of 5 years.

The two defendants were arraigned last Monday in 36th District Court

Northville welcomes new officer

Jennifer Johnson is the newest police officer with Northville Township. Johnson took the oath of office Nov. 15 at Northville Township Hall with her husband, daughter and other family members along with Northville Township employees present to witness the event. Johnson was pinned with her new badge by her father and daughter.

Johnson grew up in Dearborn Heights and is the oldest of seven children. She graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy on Nov. 14. During Johnson's duration in the academy she broke four physical training records and graduated receiving two awards; Most Improved Female Physical Training Award and an Academic Excellence Award. Johnson received her Associates of Science degree from Madonna University.

Ofc. Jennifer Johnson

Police Chief Todd Mutchler said the department welcomes Johnson to the team.

Tickets for charity raffle still available

The Inkster Legends organization needs help in providing the gift of Christmas to 100 families in need.

The Legends, known for the youth basketball camps, provides holiday gifts and food to families annually at the holiday. The effort is primarily funded by donations and the sale of $10 raffle tickets, which is already under way in the community.

This year, the $10 donation offers a chance to win first prize which is two tickets to see the world champion Cleveland Cavaliers play the Detroit Pistons. Second prize in the drawing this year is a 24-inch flat screen TV and third prize is a birthday party blast at the Romulus Athletic Center for 15 people. Fourth prize is a Wayne Bowl party for 10 people and the fifth and sixth prize winners will each receive a one-day weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel or a one day weekend stay at the Marriott hotel. The seventh and eighth place prizes are a Wilson golf bag and a dozen golf balls and a case of Choice sirloin steaks. The ninth and 10th place winners will be awarded certificates for dinner for two at local restaurants.

The raffle drawing will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

For tickets or more information, contact Director Fred Smiley, (734)890-2478 or access www.inksterlegends.com.

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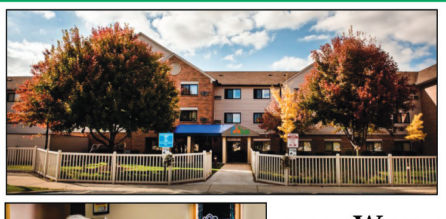
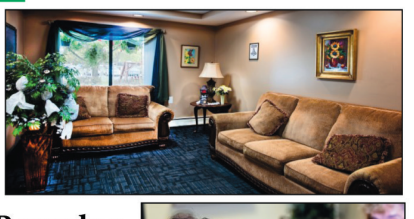

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com.

Goodfellow donations accepted

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to help make things brighter for needy families in the Canton community during the upcoming holiday season with the No Child Without a Christmas campaign.

Donations of new and unwrapped toys will also be collected through Dec. 5, at several Canton Leisure Services locations, including the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway and the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Any individual or family that would like to adopt a child or a family this Christmas, should contact the Canton Goodfellows at cantongoodfellows@gmail.com. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome and can be dropped off at the Leisure Services Department.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org

Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, Mi 48174.

Later nominations will not be considered.

A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Winter clothing collected

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting donations through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Candy Cane contest begins

The Romulus Public Library is now accepting entries in the Candy Cane Counting Contest.

Entries will be accepted through Dec. 30 from those 18 and younger who must guess the number of candy canes in the jar. There will be one winner who guesses the total number of canes in the jar. In case of a tie, the library staff will choose a random winner to be announced Jan. 2.

The library is located as 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Teddy Bear Toss planned

USA Hockey and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for the annual Teddy Bear Toss at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Simply bring a new stuffed animal, or buy a teddy bear at the game, to throw on the ice when Team USA scores their first goal. All proceeds and stuffed animals go to Plymouth Community United Way.

Show your stuffed animal at the game and receive a raffle ticket to win a suite for a future 2016-17 home game. The prize includes 20 suite tickets and $100 food voucher.

To purchase tickets call the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734)453-8400 or online at usahockeyntdp.com.

Christmas Party date set

The Inkster Commission on Aging will host the annual Christmas Party for seniors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at the Dozier Recreation Complex.

Tickets, priced at $8 for members and $10 for non-members must be purchased in advance and are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call (313) 561-2382.

Gingerbread House craft offered

The Romulus Public Library will help those 3 and older to make a gingerbread house to celebrate the holiday at 6 p.m. on both Dec. 5 and again Dec. 6.

Sign up for the craft is required at the front desk as space is limited.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information, call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Library offers computer classes

Computer classes will be offered at the Belleville Area District Library.

Microsoft Word: Basics and Beyond for users who have some experience with creating documents, but would like to learn more will be offered at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 This is a good class for those who want to learn how to spruce up a basic resume.

Computer Basics, for learners with little or no previous experience with computers, will take place at 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Dec. 7.

Introduction to the Internet class requires some basic mouse and keyboard skills. This class takes place at 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Dec. 12.

Registration for classes now open. Interested participants must register in person at the library and provide a $5 cash deposit for each class they plan to attend; deposits are returned when students attend the class.

Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville, MI 48111

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Canton Tree Lighting Wednesday

The official Tree Lighting event in Canton Township is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The 'official' tree, sponsored by Toll Brothers, will be lit by the Summit on the Park at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors. There will be live reindeer, seasonal entertainment, kids' crafts, activities, a holiday artisan and vendor marketplace for shopping, refreshments, and visits with Santa.

No pre-registration necessary as wristbands are sold on site. Fees are $3 for Canton residents and $4 for non-residents.

New this year, pre-purchase non-refundable wristbands at the Summit Front Desk from through 10 p.m. Dec. 6 for $2.50 for Canton residents and $3.50 for non-residents.

For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Finding Dory shown

The Romulus Public Library will present the Disney Pixar film, Finding Dory, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

This is a free event.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Parent Child Storytimes set

Interactive Storytime for parents and children is planned for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at the Romulus Library for parents and children 4 and younger.

There will also be activities for parents and children at the free event.

This is a partnership with the Guidance Center.

No pre-registration is necessary.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Musical 'Christmas Carol' opens tonight at PARC

This is opening night for Forever After Productions' A Christmas Carol - The Musical at the PARC in Plymouth, 650 Church St.

The musical is designed to entertain the entire family and is based on the Charles Dickens novel with music by Alan Menke and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. The show tells the story of how miserable Ebenezer Scrooge journeys back through his life with the help of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future and finally manages to recapture his Christmas spirit.

A Christmas Carol includes cast members from 6-75 years of age. This is the fifth annual performance of the musical by Forever After. New to the cast this year is Chris Plum of Plymouth playing the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. His daughter, Claire, plays the role of Mr. Smythe's daughter.

General admission tickets are $10 and are currently on sale for all six performances: 7 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 3; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets can be purchased at the door, at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling (734) 547-5156.

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